

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A surgical tool for tensioning a cable positioned around a split sternum, for crimping a ferrule around the cable, and for terminating the cable at the ferrule after crimping. The tool includes a tensioning actuator for gripping and  
5 tensioning the cable to a predetermined tension and a crimping actuator for crimping the ferrule onto the cable. The crimping actuator is operative to sever a free end of the cable concurrently with crimping of the ferrule. The actuator includes an indenter to retain the ferrule therein. A method of using the tool includes looping a cable comprising a cable end fitting attached to a first end of  
10 the cable around the split sternum and passing a second end of the cable through the cable end fitting, then using the tool to tension the cable, crimp a ferrule installed on the cable, and cut the cable flush with the ferrule.